

# 2011 Mid Winter Muster

February 19 – 20, 2011

The Pennington County Firefighters' Association is excited to bring a variety of classes to this year's fire school. We are planning various one- and two-day classes to meet the needs of all firefighters, from new member to senior firefighter and officer.

The Mid Winter Muster will be **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>** and **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011** at Western Dakota Tech, located at 800 Mickelson Drive. Some classes will be held at the Fire Training Center off Sedivy Lane and E Hwy 44. Transportation will be provided from the main building to the training center if needed.

Doors will open at 0700 Saturday and Sunday, February 19th and 20th. Registration will run from 0700 – 0800 Saturday and a welcome will be done in the commons area on Saturday morning at 0800. Cost for the classes will be \$15 for all classes excluding the SD Certified Instructor's course. This course will cost \$55 per student and will include a State Instructor shirt and class materials.

Vendors will be on hand throughout the weekend with the latest and greatest in firefighting apparel, tools, and equipment.



- *NFFF Taking Care of Our Own*
- *SD Certified Instructor's Course*
- *Calling the Mayday*
- *NFA Decision Making for Initial Company Officers*
- *Firefighter Confidence Course*
- *S-231 Engine Boss*
- *RT-130 Wildland Refresher*

*For lodging information, please contact a representative of the PCFA or visit the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce at [www.rapidcitychamber.com](http://www.rapidcitychamber.com).*



# Course Listings

## National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Taking Care of Our Own® (Saturday only \$15)

A Fire Chief's Guide to Preparing for a Line-of-Duty Death

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, through a Department of Justice grant, offers a training program to help fire departments prepare for the worst - a line-of-duty death or serious injury. Fire service personnel and families who have lost a firefighter in the line-of-duty helped develop this one-day course called Taking Care of Our Own®. It covers pre-incident planning, survivor notification, family and co-worker support, and benefits and resources available to the families.

### Overview

A fire department does not know when it will have a line-of-duty death or serious injury. Does it have a plan in place? Are personnel records current? Does the department know how to make timely and proper notification to the survivors? Fire chiefs and survivors tell us that most fire departments are not prepared for a line-of-duty death. Taking Care of Our Own® provides senior fire officers specific information and valuable insights.

This course is designed for senior fire officers, career or volunteer, chief officers and senior deputies of federal and state government, honor guard commanders, chaplains, and officials of national and state fire organizations.



## NFA's Calling the Mayday (Sunday only \$15)

Following the National Fire Academy course guidelines, the firefighter will demonstrate the ability to call a "Mayday" under various emergency situations they may find themselves in, including being trapped or lost in a room, having something collapse on them, being hung/snagged on wires and falling through a floor or roof. These conditions will be simulated using various props with the firefighter in full PPE, SCBA, and portable radio in a blacked out face mask. Students will spend most of the evolution actively sending or receiving Mayday radio transmissions. Students who master the Mayday doctrine job performance requirements will receive National Fire Academy certification.

Course Notes: Full PPE, including SCBA and facemask, is required for this course. There will be a short classroom session including a video and review of mayday procedures followed by several mayday practicals.

## SD Certified Instructor's Course (2-day class, Saturday and Sunday \$55)

A letter seeking nominations for students to attend this course will be sent to all SD Fire Chiefs around mid-December. Candidates must be nominated in writing to the Fire Marshal's office no later than **January 14th, 2011**. This requirement is to make sure the student will have ample time to prepare individual presentations and complete minimal pre-course work before attending. The candidate must have been a member of their emergency services organization for at least five years.

Candidates who wish to instruct the South Dakota Certified Firefighter curriculum must have passed the South Dakota Certified Firefighter Course (or its equivalent) with a minimum score of 80% and must have held and/or obtained their certification for at least two years prior to registration for this instructor's course.

Course Notes: The course cost is \$55.00 and includes the course textbook, workbook, mini-CD used to record their individual presentations, an embroidered "SD Fire Instructor" shirt, and break refreshments.



## Course Listings cont.

### **NFA Decision Making for Initial Company Officers** **(2-day class, Saturday and Sunday \$15)**

The course is designed to develop the decision making skills needed by Company Officers (COs) to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires. All activities and scenarios used in this course are based on structure fires. As a CO with the real possibility of being the first to arrive at an incident, the CO's initial decisions will have an impact throughout the entire incident. It is vital that they be able to make good management decisions that have a favorable impact on the eventual outcome. In addition to a possible role as the initial Incident Commander (IC), the CO may well be assigned a subordinate position within the ICS organization. COs need to have a clear understanding of the system, the position they are assigned, and their role in the organization if they are to function effectively and help make the system work.

### **Firefighter Confidence Course** **(2-day class, Saturday and Sunday \$15)**

This will be two full days of hands-on practicals. Students will rotate through a series of stations throughout the two days, including the following:

- Ventilation
- Forcible Entry
- Ladder Operations
- Search
- Rescue
- Fire Attack
- Hydrant Operations
- Roof Operations

Firefighters are required to be certified structural firefighters or students of the SD Certified Structure Class and must bring full PPE, including SCBA and facemasks. Live fire practicals will be done, weather dependent.

### **S-231 Engine Boss** **(2-day class, Saturday and Sunday \$15)**

This is a skill course designed to produce student proficiency in the performance of the duties associated with engine boss, single resource (ENGB). Topics include: engine and crew capabilities and limitations, information sources, fire size-up considerations, tactics, and wildland/urban interface.

#### *Objectives*

Perform the tasks of an engine boss in making the tactical decisions required to safely manage an engine on an incident.

#### *Course Prerequisites*

Crew Boss, Single Resource (S-230).  
Qualified as a firefighter type 1 (FFT1).

Course Notes: Students are encouraged to bring their Fireline Handbooks and IRPG's for class. **See nomination guidelines below for registration.**

### **RT-130 Wildland Refresher** **(Sunday only \$15)**

The wildland refresher will include a variety of LCES topics to kick off the 2011 wildland fire season. Classroom will be done in the morning with fire shelter deployment practicals in the afternoon.

Course Notes: Students are required to bring full wildland PPE including wildland packs. Students are also encouraged to bring their Fireline Handbooks and IRPG's. **See nomination guidelines below for registration.**

#### **NOMINATION GUIDELINES**

Nominations for wildland classes can be done through IQS or IQCS. Students registering before February 15<sup>th</sup> will receive a confirmation letter with additional information. Students registering after this time will be permitted based on space available (including walk-ins the day of class). For information or if you need assistance, please contact Tammy Stadel at TStadel7@gmail.com.

Link for IQS:

<https://apps.sd.gov/iqs/login.aspx>



# Registration Information

Dept. or Agency \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Class Name	Class Schedule		Cost/Student
	Saturday	Sunday	
Taking Care of Our Own			\$15
Calling the Mayday			\$15
Instructor's Course			\$55
NFA DMICO			\$15
Confidence Course			\$15
S-231 Engine Boss			\$15
RT-130 Wildland Refresher			\$15

Preregistration is only required for the SD Instructor's Course, S-231 Engine Boss, and RT-130 Wildland Refresher. Attendants can pay at the door or will be billed after by the PCFA.

*NOTE: If you attend a class on Saturday, there is no cost for attending a class on Sunday.*

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